

Queer PLACES OF STRUGGLE

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OPEN TUE–SAT 11–6

REPOhistory has created a series of temporary historical markers designating nine sites in Manhattan as **QUEER SPACES**. The signs—pink tempered-masonite triangles, measuring 24" on each side—are installed on lampposts under permit of the Department of Transportation. Each marks a significant place, person, movement or event in the recent history of New York's lesbian and gay communities.

1. NYC'S FIRST GAY RIGHTS DEMONSTRATION

at the U.S. Army Induction Center (1964) *Whitehall near Pearl St.*

2. FIRST ACT UP DEMONSTRATION

targeting drug company profits on the AIDS epidemic (1987) *Broadway at Wall St.*

3. PASSAGE OF THE GAY CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

after 15 years of political and legal struggle (1986) *Lower tip of City Hall Park*

4. GAY ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE "FIREHOUSE"

a center of post-Stonewall activism (1970's) *99 Wooster St.*

5. DAUGHTERS OF BILITITIS

an early lesbian rights group headquartered here (1963) *30 Charlton St.*

6. BONNIE & CLYDE'S

popular lesbian bar (1970's) *82 West 3rd St.*

7. MARSHA P. JOHNSON (1945–1992)

legendary transvestite, who drowned near this site (1992) *West and Christopher Sts.*

8. JULIUS' BAR

which won a precedent-setting legal victory over 'decency' issues (1967) *159 West 10th St.*

9. EVERARD BATHS

one of NYC's earliest and most enduring gay bath houses (c.1915-1985) *28 West 28th St.*



The Queer Spaces sign project is part of Queer Space, an exhibition organized by the Storefront for Art and Architecture, 97 Kenmare St. NYC 10012

REPOhistory is an artist collective that works to "repossess" the past and represent it as a multilayering living narrative that includes the untold stories of those whose history has been marginalized because of their class, race, gender or sexuality.



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The first gay rights demonstration in New York City occurred on September 19, 1964 in front of the Whitehall Street Induction Center. A dozen brave men and women formed a picket line and handed out leaflets protesting the U.S. Army's policies of giving less-than-honorable discharges to homosexuals, and revealing information about draftees' sexual orientation to other government agencies. The demonstration was organized by Homosexual League of N.Y. and co-sponsored by the N.Y.C. League for Sexual Freedom.

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